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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

vs

IRAKI, Sadeo, et al

ORAL

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell  
the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ OGURA, Kiichi

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SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent:- OGURA, Kiichi

having first duly sworn an oath as on attached  
sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my  
country I hereby depose as follows:

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Affidavit by OGAWA, KIICHI

1. At present I am a priest of the Nichi Ren Sect living in Shizuoka Prefecture and also am engaged in the work of helping children orphaned by the war.
2. I became a member of the DAINIHON SEININTO in April, 1938. While NASHIMOTO, Kingoro, president of the society was away on active military duty, I being an advisor to the society, acted for him as president pro temp. Upon his return in April 1939 I relinquished my post of advisor and became a councillor and remained so till the dissolution of the society in October 1940.
3. The purposes of the DAINIHON SEININTO were to abolish the established parties and to accomplish domestic reform since the general public feeling at that time was that these parties and the ZAIBATSU, in collusion had selfishly appropriated to themselves the government to such extent that extreme corruption was rampant everywhere and the only ones whom the public could trust were the military and the judiciary. The DAINIHON SEININTO absolutely did not have aggressive war as its objective.
4. The membership in the DAINIHON SEININTO fluctuated somewhat but it never reached 20,000. It never included a single military man on the active list or a single influential government official.
5. The expenses of the DAINIHON SEININTO were met by the ¥ 1 yearly membership fee and the ¥ 1 entrance fee paid in by each member of the society. The society never received any financial aid from the military or from any other source.
6. The "Taiyo Dai Nihon", which is the official news organ of the society, was not circulated outside of its membership.
7. The DAINIHON SEIKISEIKAI, a thought organization, was formed upon the dissolution of the DAINIHON SEININTO out of a portion of the latter's membership.
8. The DAINIHON SEIKISEIKAI had as its objectives the guidance of the thought of Japanese youth and the encouragement of increasing the rice production. This increase was to be based on the OINOUE system. Aggressive war was absolutely no part of the society's objectives.
9. The membership of the DAINIHON SEIKISEIKAI was about 5,000. It never included a single military man on the active list nor a single influential government official.

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10. The expenses of the DAINIHON SEIKISAIKAI were met by the ¥ 1 yearly membership fee and the ¥ 2 entrance fee paid in by each member. The society never received any financial aid from the military or from any other source.
11. The DAINIHON SEIKISAIKAI took over the management of the official news organ of the DAINIHON SEININYO - the "Taiyo Dai Nihon". After the transfer of management to the SEIKISAIKAI every effort was made to publish articles concerning increasing rice production. This also was not circulated outside the membership.
12. I have not been connected with the IRYA.
13. In September 1944 at the time of the dissolution of the DAINIHON SEIKISAIKAI I joined the Imperial Rule Youth Association. Its membership never included a single military man on the active list nor a single influential government official. I was at the time of my joining the association on the general affairs committee and in November 1944, I became Chief of the Guidance Branch.
14. The activity of the IRYA was principally the encouragement of an increase in wheat production. The activity of the IRYA was absolutely not directed toward aggressive war.
15. The books of HASHIMOTO, Kingoro - "Advice to Youth" "The Second Creation", "The Inevitable Renovation", "How to Rebuild World", "The Declaration of Hashimoto, Kingoro" and his essays in the "Taiyo Dai Nippon" were all written after he gave up his military career and had become an ordinary civilian and are entirely his own opinions. And, further, all these are opinions totally devoid of connection, not only with the military, but with any other persons. They are productions totally devoid of connection not only with the military but with any other persons.
16. The above mentioned books are all reproductions of the essays appearing in the "Taiyo Dai Nippon".
17. All the speeches which HASHIMOTO, Kingoro made at the meetings of the DAINIHON SEININYO and DAINIHON SEIKISAIKAI were entirely expressions of his own opinions as a civilian and had absolutely no connection with not only the military but with any other persons.

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At NAGAOKA-MACHI, TAKATA-GUN, SHIZUOKA-KEN on this 5th day of  
February, 1947.

AFFIANT

/S/ OGAWA, AIICHI

We hereby certify that the above said person has duly sworn,  
subscribed and sealed thereto on before us.

On the same date and place.

Witnesses

/S/ HAYASHI, Itsuro

/S/ Richard HARRIS

/S/ KANASE, Kunji

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